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School Playgrounds in Canadian Cities
with a Population over 10,000, in 1933-34.

In the 70 largest cities of Canada there are 1,578 publicly-controlled schools with 1,829 individual playgrounds. The latter number is larger on account of about 250 schools having both boys and girls in attendance, but playing on separate grounds. Other schools are for boys alone or girls alone, making the distribution of 1,829 grounds between the sexes as follows: boys only, 550; girls only, 534; boys and girls together, 745. The extent of the practice of segregating the sexes varies greatly as between provinces, as may be seen in the table on the next page, being highest in the provinces where there are denominational schools.

Only in 20 of the 70 cities last year was there supervised play on any of the school grounds during the midsummer vacation. Several cities have discontinued this practice as an economy measure within the last few years. In five cities the supervisors were paid by the school board, in nine by the civic playgrounds authorities, and in six by voluntary organizations.

Excepting the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia, about one-seventh of the schools had skating rinks on their grounds last winter.

An indication of the indoor facilities for recreation may be had from the fact that 593 of the 1,578 schools have auditoriums that can be used as gymnasiums, while 202 have equipped gymnasiums. Only 22 schools have swimming pools, and these are all in two provinces.

School Playgrounds, 1933-34.

(Cities and Towns of 10,000 or Over)

	Number of cities or towns	Number of school boards	Number of schools	School Playgrounds			Auditoriums used as gymnasiums	Gymnasiums	Swimming pools	Skating rinks
				Boys	Girls	Boys & Girls				
Prince Edward Island ..	1	1	4	1	1	2	3	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	3	3	58	12	12	34	23	-	-	3
New Brunswick	2	2	37	14	15	15	9	3	-	-
Quebec	19	41	504	212	196	69	293	58	2	66
Ontario	32	70	605	199	199	355	125	92	20	112
Manitoba	3	3	67	1	1	65	31	10	-	9
Saskatchewan	3	9	57	31	31	26	25	10	-	18
Alberta	4	8	152	79	78	67	50	17	-	7
British Columbia	3	3	94	1	1	92	34	12	-	-
CANADA	70	140	1,578	550	534	745	593	202	22	215



